

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel Claims 17, 18, 21, and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. Previously Canceled.
2. (Previously Amended) Structure for a passenger vehicle, containing a passenger cell with a windshield frame which is attached to a panel structure of the passenger cell, with a distinguishing feature that the panel structure of the passenger cell and the windshield frame comprises of high-strength non-metallic material and are structurally joined to one another,

wherein on a side facing the panel structure, the windshield frame is provided with flanges which are held in position on a first panel section and a second panel section of the panel structure by means of adhesive bonding.
3. (Original) Structure according to Claim 2, wherein the panel structure is a front panel structure, and

wherein hollow spaces of columns of the windshield frame contain additional supporting columns, made of high-strength metal, that are attached to the front panel structure.

4. (Previously Amended) Structure according to Claim 3, wherein each supporting column is held on the front panel structure by means of a retaining plate.
5. (Original) Structure according to Claim 4, wherein the retaining plate has legs that extend toward each other at an angle and rest on corresponding panel sections of the front panel structure.
6. (Original) Structure according to Claim 4, wherein the retaining plate is held in position with bolts, which align with tap holes of an insert, integrated in the front panel structure.
7. (Original) Structure according to claim 6, wherein the insert is a metallic insert.
8. (Original) Structure according to claim 3, wherein the support columns are attached to columns of the windshield frame only in an area of free ends of the support columns by means of a foam material body.

9. (Original) Structure according to claim 4, wherein the support columns are attached to columns of the windshield frame only in an area of free ends of the support columns by means of a foam material body.

10. (Original) Structure according to claim 5, wherein the support columns are attached to columns of the windshield frame only in an area of free ends of the support columns by means of a foam material body.

11. (Original) Structure according to claim 6, wherein the support columns are attached to columns of the windshield frame only in an area of free ends of the support columns by means of a foam material body.

12. (Original) Structure according to claim 3, wherein each support column includes a minimum of two tubes that fit into each other.

13. (Original) Structure according to claim 4, wherein each support column includes a minimum of two tubes that fit into each other.

14. (Original) Structure according to claim 5, wherein each support column includes a minimum of two tubes that fit into each other.

15. (Original) Structure according to claim 6, wherein each support column includes a minimum of two tubes that fit into each other.

16. (Original) Structure according to claim 8, wherein each support column includes a minimum of two tubes that fit into each other.

17. Cancel

18. Cancel.

19. Previously Canceled.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly according to claim 17,~~ A passenger vehicle assembly comprising:

a passenger cell comprising panel structure, and

a windshield frame attached to the passenger cell, said windshield frame including a hollow girder,

wherein both the hollow girder and the panel structure to which it is attached consist of high-strength nonmetallic material,

wherein the hollow girder and the panel structure are adhesively connected at flanges provided on the hollow girder,

wherein the panel structure is a front panel structure, and

wherein hollow spaces of columns of the windshield frame contain additional supporting columns, made of high-strength metal, that are attached to the front panel structure.

21. Cancel.

22. Cancel.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A method according to claim 22,~~ A method of making a passenger vehicle assembly comprising:

a passenger cell comprising panel structure, and
a windshield frame attached to the passenger cell, said windshield frame including a hollow girder,

wherein both the hollow girder and the panel structure to which it is attached consist of high-strength nonmetallic material,

said method comprising adhesive bonding of the hollow girder with the panel structures along flanges of the hollow girder

wherein the panel structure is a front panel structure, and

wherein hollow spaces of columns of the windshield frame contain additional supporting columns, made of high-strength metal, that are attached to the front panel structure.

24. (Previously Added) A structure according to Claim 2, wherein the high-strength non-metallic material is fiber-reinforced plastic.

25. (Previously Added) A structure according to Claim 2, wherein the high-strength non-metallic material is carbon fiber-reinforced plastic.

26. (Previously Added) A passenger vehicle assembly comprising:

a passenger cell comprising a front panel structure, and
a windshield frame attached to the passenger cell front panel structure,
wherein both the windshield frame and the panel structure to which it is
attached consist of high-strength nonmetallic material,

wherein said non-metallic material is carbon fiber reinforced plastic,
wherein said windshield frame and panel structure are attached by
adhesive bonding, and

wherein hollow spaces of columns of the windshield frame contain
additional supporting columns, made of high-strength metal, that are attached to
the front panel structure.

27. (Previously Added) A method of making a passenger vehicle assembly
comprising:

a passenger cell comprising panel structure, and
a windshield frame attached to the passenger cell panel structure,

wherein both the windshield frame and the panel structure to which it is attached consist of high-strength nonmetallic material,
wherein said non-metallic material is carbon fiber reinforced plastic, and
wherein hollow spaces of columns of the windshield frame contain additional supporting columns, made of high-strength metal, that are attached to the front panel structure, said method comprising adhesive bonding of the windshield frame with the panel structure.